

# Focus on Effective Teams: Building a Strong Foundation Through Team Building Activities

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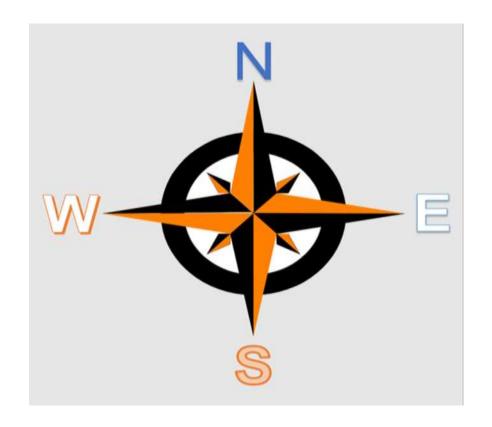
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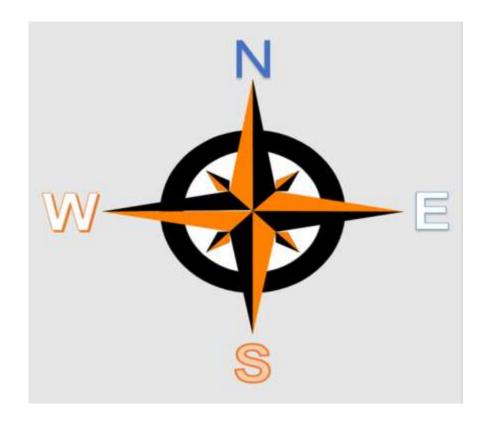
### **Desired Outcome**

 To explore and understand how team members differ in order to build and sustain an effective team.





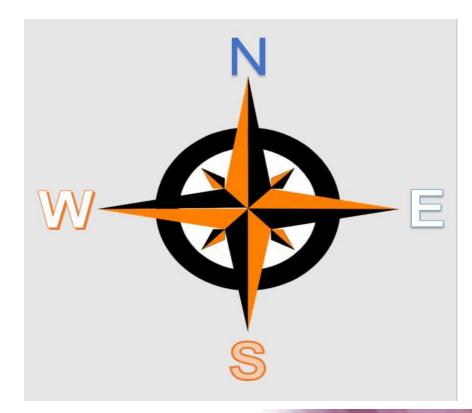
# **The Personality Compass**





### North

- I am usually **assertive**, active, and decisive.
- I like to determine the course of events and be in control of professional relationships.
- I am quick to act and express a sense of urgency for others to act.
- I enjoy challenges presented by difficult situations and people.
- I think in terms of bottom line or results.





### **East**

- I am a visionary who sees the big picture.
- I am a generative and creative thinker; I am able to think outside the box.
- I am very idea-oriented and focus on future thought.
- I look for overarching themes and ideas.
- I usually have insight into missions and purpose.





### South

- I understand how people need to receive information in order to act upon it.
- I integrate others' input in determining the direction of what's happening.
- I am value-driven regarding aspects of professional life.
- I use professional relationships to accomplish tasks, and interaction is primary to me.
- I am supportive of colleagues and peers.





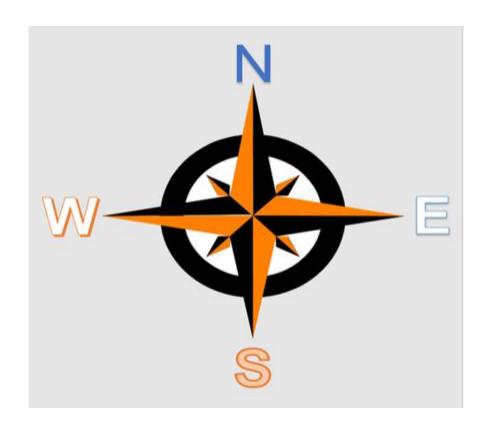
### West

- I am introspective and selfanalytical.
- I am seen as **practical**, dependable, and thorough in task situations.
- I weigh all sides of an issue and am balanced.
- I move carefully and follow procedures and guidelines.
- I use data analysis and logic to make decisions.
- I am skilled at finding flaws in a project or idea.





# **The Personality Compass**









# **High Performing Teams**

Equality in Conversational Turn-taking

Ostentatious Listening

**Psychological Safety** 

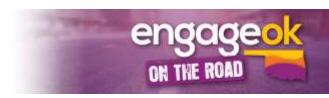




## Collective Emotional Intelligence

Collective emotional intelligence is what sets performing teams apart from average teams.

Druskat and Wolf, 2001

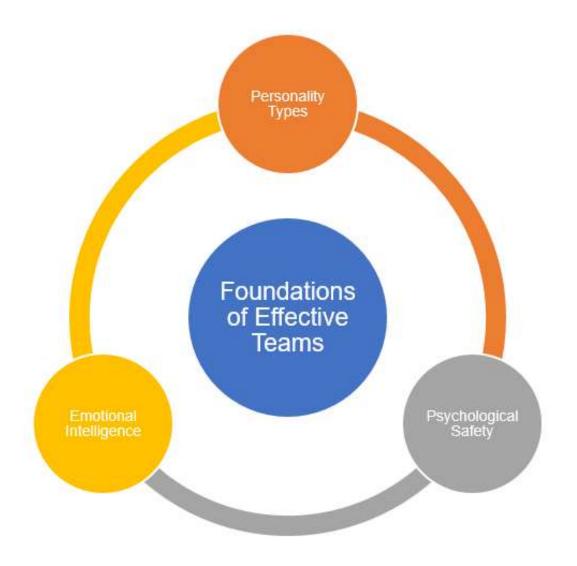


# **Emotional Intelligence**

Low Emotional Intelligence Team Members	Strong Emotional Intelligence Team Members
Don't look at each other when talking.	Look at the person talking and makes eye
Are distracted by technology, each other, or	contact with everyone.
other things.	Paraphrase each other's ideas.
Interrupt each other's discussions.	Say things like: "I've shared a lot already. I'd
Hijack meetings because of personal opinion,	like to hear your perspective on this."
confusion, disagreement or emotional state.	Offer feedback and appreciate each other for
Don't follow guidelines for activities.	their contributions to the team.
Raise contentious topics that are not relevant or appropriate at that time.	Monitor their verbal participation and body language.



### **Foundation of Effective Teams**





# **Balloon Activity**

- Focus on positivity vs. negativity
- Effort of One vs. Effort of All



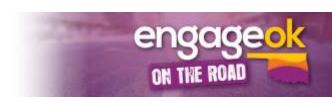
# **Cup Stacking Activity**

- Focus on Communication in Teams
- Have a plan before you start



# **M&M Activity**

Takeaways from today's learning



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